

## Calcutta to benefit rodeo grounds

By April Sykes  
A calcutta to benefit the rodeo grounds is being planned during the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo August 16-20. The team roping calcutta will be held Saturday, August 19, at the Heppner Elk's Club during the band break. The ropers will compete on Sunday, August 20, during the Morrow County Rodeo.

Music at the Elk's will be provided by the Beck-A-Roos. The band starts at 9 p.m. with the team ropers auctioned for the calcutta during the break. Whoever "owns" the winning roping team will get the pot. Those interested may pick up a list of entrants at the rodeo prior to the Calcutta.

Cost for the dance at the Elk's is \$2.50 at the door.

The Beck-A-Roos will also play during the rodeo and will be sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon during that time.

Over 50 local ropers entered the team roping contest last year. Last year's winners were: first, Steve Miller and Cliff Dougherty; second Bob and Dave Steagall; third Jerry Gentry, John Moyer; fourth Jim Ward, Tony Currin; fifth Tara Doutre, Mike Mahoney; and sixth Ron McDowell, Bob Mahoney.

Heritage Land Company and Bob and Bev Steagall are sponsors of the Morrow County team roping buckle.

## Methodist Church hires minister



The Rev. Al, Laurae, Stephanie and Jeannette Trachsell.

By April Sykes  
The Reverend Al Trachsell, newly hired minister at the United Methodist Church in Heppner, arrived at his calling through a detour in the education field.

The Rev. Trachsell, 50, who has been a minister for the past eight years, taught language arts and social science in the Portland area and LaGrande before becoming a minister. Prior to his arrival Heppner, he served the Dufur and Tygh Valley churches. He replaces the Rev. Bob Dowrey, who retired.

Trachsell received his education degree at Eastern Oregon State College and later attended graduate school at Claremont in southern California, receiving a master's degree in theology. He spent his early childhood and most of his adult life in Portland, but grew up in Salem, graduating from a Salem high school.

Laurae, 40, called "Rae" by her friends, was born and raised in LaGrande. She and her husband met while he was attending college. After marriage, they lived in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

Laurae attended business college and is a certified nurse's aide. She hopes to go back to school to complete her nursing degree. Something of a "Jill of all trades" Laurae has worked as a scaler's assistant at a mill, a forklift operator at a warehouse, a cook, a waitress, a

classroom aide in a Headstart program working with special needs children and a restaurant manager. In fact, she was manager of a Skippers seafood restaurant, while her husband managed a Sizzler's steakhouse.

As if that wasn't enough, Laurae enjoys gardening. She kept a "huge" garden at Tygh Valley, where Al last served as minister. She also sells "Christmas Around the World", a Christmas gift line.

Al was active in community theater and loves football, especially coaching. He is also a field coordinator for Educational Foundation, which places foreign exchange students.

The Trachsell family also includes Stephanie, 8, and Jeannette, 7.

The Rev. Trachsell, who arrived in Heppner June 27, will serve both the Heppner and Fossil United Methodist Churches and is looking forward to his ministry. "The communities in both Heppner and Fossil have been more than gracious," he said. "They've been marvelous and caring, good folk sincere in their faith."

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sundays in Heppner and 6:30 p.m. in Fossil. He will spend about three fourths of his time ministering to the Heppner congregation and around one fourth to the Fossil community.

## New pastor hired at Christian Church



L-R: C.J., Pastor Andrew, front-children Drew and Sarah Johnson

By April Sykes  
The Rev. Andrew Johnson, 29, of Boise, Idaho, has been hired as the new minister at the First Christian Church in Heppner. Johnson replaces former pastor Roger Scharen. Scharen and his wife, Rosalie, moved so that he could attend college.

The Rev. Johnson, his wife, C.J., 27, and their children, Sarah, 5, and Drew, 3, arrived in Heppner on July 9 from Boise.

Johnson has a bachelor of arts ministerial degree from Boise Bible College. He worked full time, owning his own landscaping and sprinkler business to support his family, and attended college part time. After graduation he decided to go into the ministry full time.

C.J. has an associate degree

in Christian education. She taught preschool in Boise for eight years, but now plans to stay home with their children for the time being. The couple plans to home school their children.

Johnson's father was in heavy construction, so the family moved around quite a bit. However, they spent a majority of time in central Idaho, living in New Meadows, Idaho, a town of around 500-600 people and in Boise. C.J. grew up in Boise.

Johnson says that he doesn't plan any changes at the church, but hopes to fit into the community and get to know everyone. He says he hopes the congregation will grow.

Johnson likes hunting, fishing and kayaking and C.J. enjoys reading.

## Death Notice

### Eric R. Rollis

Eric R. Rollis, 13, Heppner, died Sunday at Camp Larson, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner. He is the son of Russell and Ellen Rollis, Heppner.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

## Make reunion reservations now

The reunion dinner for the class of '59 and any others who wish to attend will be at the Heppner Elks Lodge, July 29, at 7 p.m. Organizers must have reservations confirmed no later than July 18 for dinner.

Call Kay Sayers Comin at 360-423-3222 to confirm.

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## What to Do About Insect Bites and Stings

Summertime activities place many persons at risk of being stung or bitten by insects. It is reported that more than 2 million individuals in the U.S. are allergic to insect venom. Reactions to insect bites and stings range from mild to severe, and possibly life-threatening. Symptoms may include skin redness, itching, shortness of breath, swelling in the throat, coughing, dizziness, and shock (a drop in blood pressure caused by loss of fluid from the blood vessels).

Stings from bees, wasps, hornets and yellow jackets can occur quickly. A fatal reaction (called anaphylaxis) can result within minutes. According to Dr. Farid Sadik (University of South Carolina), writing in a recent issue of *Pharmacy Today*, persons with a known allergy to insect stings should carry an epinephrine kit with them every time they go outside. When they get stung, the epinephrine should be injected immediately. Dr. Sadik indicates that persons with insect allergies should know how to inject themselves and show family members how to use the kit. If persons are uncertain as to whether or not they are allergic to insect stings, they should see a physician for allergy testing. Mild reactions to insect stings may respond favorably to aspirin, hydrocortisone cream, and topical antihistamines. Use of insect repellants may help discourage insect bites/stings.

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The Social will begin at 5 p.m.  
Saturday, July 22  
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## Gribble demonstrates lubrication device

Lowell Gribble, president of U.P.M. Inc. (Ultrasonic Predictable Maintenance), was invited by the Equipment Maintenance Council (EMC) of Portland to put on a demonstration at the south Portland Holiday Inn of the two units of predictable maintenance that U.P.M. and U.V.L.M. (Ultra-Vibe Lubrication Monitoring) produce.

Gribble reports that the response was immediate. In fact, one person called UVLM of Centralia the next morning before he got home from the meeting.

U.P.M. is the service company through which bearings can be tested for wear and lubrication.

Gribble's son, Doug, came up with the idea to put a detector on the end of a grease gun and the Ultra Lube and U.V.L.M. were born.

Ultra Lube consists of an aviation headset which is placed on the end of a grease gun and allows an operator to determine by sound whether

the bearings are over or under lubricated, and if the bearings are defective. The machine indicates hard-to-detect mechanical noises and conditions in gear boxes that can precede a breakdown.

## Deadline for Fair Tab

The news deadline for publication in the annual Gazette-Times Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo special Fair Tab will be Wednesday, August 2.

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